

CAPTAIN LUSK'S REPORT.

What the Water and Sewer Departments Have Done the Past Year.

Captain James L. Lusk submitted to the Commissioners of the District yesterday his annual report. The report stated that the officer in charge of the Washington Aqueduct laid during the year one 24-inch water on Eleventh, between K and L streets northwest; one similar main and one 30-inch main on New Jersey avenue, between L and B streets; also one 24-inch main on K street, between New Jersey avenue and Eleventh street east. During the year the same officer transferred to the Commissioners the control of 131 valves on the outlets of the large supplying mains. The principal extension of the District's water service was the laying of a 12-inch main from the stand-pipe on Meridian Hill to Fourteenth street extended and Park street, Mount Pleasant. The total length of mains laid by the distribution branch of the Water Department during the fiscal year of 1891 was 77,450 lined feet, of which 5,168 feet were on account of the Washington and Georgetown Railroad Company in making the changes due to the extension of that company's cable railway system.

The following is a summary of the fire and street hydrants, pumps, horse and public fountains in operation:

	Fire Hydrants.	Street Hydrants.	Pumps.	Horse Fountains.	Public Fountains.
Georgetown.	83	39	17	2	1
Northwest.	662	129	108	30	31
Northeast.	130	31	31	3	6
Southwest.	119	47	41	3	0
Southeast.	163	41	67	3	1
Total.	1,157	287	264	41	39

The total receipts in the Water Department during the year ending June 30, 1891, were \$272,497.01, while the total expenditures during that period were \$291,785.30. June 30, 1891, there were \$177,362.09 standing to the credit of the water fund, of which \$54,559.72 represented the water tax in arrears and collectible.

There is a strong demand for a water supply for suburban localities which cannot be reached by gravity, the present plant being inadequate to meet that demand, and provisions must be made for a high-service system. The cost will be heavy, but delay will only increase the expense. It is entirely feasible to construct a high-service distribution system which shall dispense with the necessity of providing steam fire-engines over a large part of what is now the suburbs of Washington. This can be accomplished by maintaining a pressure at the fire plugs sufficient to allow fire to be put out by hose companies alone.

During the past year the water meters in service were increased to 109. It is of the highest importance that tampering with these meters should be prevented. At present, there is not the slightest protection afforded them.

STREET LIGHTING.

Since the beginning of the present year the gas and oil lamps for lighting the streets have been lighted by a schedule based upon a minimum of 8,000 hours per lamp per annum, or 400 hours more than has been allowed for several years past. But the increase is not enough, and in many instances lamps should be lighted even on bright moon-light nights, for often the foliage of the trees is so dense that the moon's light cannot penetrate it. Indeed, there is no other large city so provincial as is Washington in its dependence upon the moon for light. A shortage of 124 lamps was counted in the account of the Washington Gas Light Company during the past year. The difference was immediately made good, and the matter is still under examination with a view of ascertaining the exact origin of the discrepancy. The total amount available for street lighting for the year ending June 30, 1891, was \$128,149.45, while the total disbursements were \$125,873.05. June 30, 1891, there were in service 5,366 gas lamps, and 437 oil lamps. The electric lights were increased from 195 to 242, and every cent of the amount appropriated for electric lighting, \$46,000, was expended.

The sewage of the District is rapidly approaching a condition which will demand heroic treatment. The only sufficient remedy is to provide at once for an adequate system of sewage disposal. Unless this is done very serious results may be expected to health and a destruction of property. It is estimated that a satisfactory system of sewage disposal may be had for an expenditure of between \$3,500,000 and \$4,000,000. An appropriation of \$2,500 is recommended for making contemporaneous measurements of rainfall and sewer discharges. During the year ending June 30, 1891, 27,715 feet of sewer was constructed within the city limits, ranging from 12 inches to 5.5 feet in diameter. In the suburbs 18,634 feet was built, ranging between 12 inches to 8 feet in diameter.

In concluding his report Captain Lusk says that the law upon which the existing plumbing regulations are based is quite defective, and until it is amended plumbing work cannot be adequately supervised. The Captain also states that it is hoped that a properly equipped laboratory will be provided for inspecting asphalt and cements.

Death of Henry F. Brueninger.

In the death of Mr. Henry F. Brueninger, the city loses one of its most widely known and popular business men. He was respected and loved by all with whom he came in contact, either in a business or social way. Mr. Brueninger was born in Baltimore County, Md., October 26, 1848, coming to this city in 1874 to enter into business with a capital of a strong constitution an indomitable will, good sense and honesty of purpose. With those he succeeded in gaining for himself an enviable position in the business community. Mr. Brueninger was exceptionally popular among the Masonic fraternity, being a member of Stansbury Lodge, F. A. & A. M., Stansbury R. A. C., DeMolay Commandery, Knights Templar, and of Almas Temple, of the Mystic Shrine. The funeral, at 10 o'clock to-day will be from his late residence, No. 907 Westminister street and will be conducted by the Masonic fraternity. The interment will be at Graceland Cemetery.

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